



# *"T" Time*

## *the Suncoast T's Newsletter*

A Chapter of the Model T Ford Club International  
&  
The Model T Ford Club of America

The Suncoast T club was founded in Pinellas County October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The club's founders are dedicated to promote the interest in the preservation and restoration of antique automobiles, particularly the Model T Ford, its accessories, lore and literature, and the enjoyment thereof. It's a fun club with annual dues (Oct 1 – Sept 30) set at only \$5.00.

**TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SUNCOAST T'S YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE  
MODEL T FORD CLUB INTERNATIONAL.  
DUES FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB ARE \$35.00 A YEAR.**

President.....	Bill Saitta
Vice President.....	Fritz Wilder
Secretary .....	Mari Blaquiere
Treasurer.....	Tom Fazzina
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger
Activities Director...	Donna White

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On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, **Milt** completed the Ocean-to-Ocean tour. What a wonderful experience this must have been for anyone who was fortunate to drive in this race. I hope **Milt** will be generous enough to maybe hold a Club meeting to tell us all about this adventure.

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Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>, **Bill & Nereyda**, **Dick Conger**, and **Scott & I**, participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual MTFCI tour that was held in Johnson City, Tennessee. It was quite a sight to see 200 Model T's driving along on all those winding roads. Brent Terry, who hosted the tour, did an outstanding job in keeping over 400+ people happy and busy. On Monday, **Scott & I** were riding with **Dick** in his Depot Hack with **Bill & Nereyda** following us in their Model T along with a new found friend, Stuart Schwartz & his son David in their Model A. With a 30 year history of driving these roads, once on the tour, we drove 7 miles and then the Depot Hack burned

a rod; so, our week of touring in the Depot Hack was over...BUT, **Bill & Nereyda** along with Stuart offered the use of their back seats for the remainder of the tour week. Thanks **Bill & Nereyda**.

**Bill & Nereyda** also had a few problems: 3 tire/tube changes in one day...2 within minutes of each other! **Bill's** really good at fixing flats!

Most days were tours of over 100+ miles except for Tuesday when all the cars drove over to the Mall for an early morning car show and then after lunch there was a 26 mile tour. Thursday, we were treated to a factory tour of Snap-On Tools. It was fascinating to watch the huge presses form wrenches in progressive dies. Red hot ingots are placed in the die and moved from die to die after each forming operation until the wrench is fully formed. Lots of noise & sparks to create beautiful, functional tools!

There was so much going on that it was really hard not to have a great time. There were so many people to meet and talk to along with admiring all the cars everyone brought out. There was the teen-set that drove their speedsters and there was even a "rust bucket" that was on the tour.

There were even 3 cars that went on the Ocean-to-Ocean tour that drove or trailered back to Tennessee to join us.

The really great part of the tour was when we got to take our Model T's onto the Bristol Motor Speedway. That's right; we got to drive right on the race track. **Bill & Nereyda** even went up on the bank to touch the wall.

To see all the cars on the track, click on this link <http://randygentry.com/> and on the left side of the web page you will see "Looking for your photo from Bristol Motor Speedway?" and then click on the supplied link.

To see cars at the MTFCI tour, click on this link:

[http://www.modelt.org/index.php?option=com\\_morfeoshow&task=view&gallery=14&Itemid=10](http://www.modelt.org/index.php?option=com_morfeoshow&task=view&gallery=14&Itemid=10)

To see a short news clip video, click on this link (see anyone you know?):

[http://www2.tricities.com/tri/news/local/article/model\\_t\\_club\\_tours\\_the\\_tri-cities/29151/](http://www2.tricities.com/tri/news/local/article/model_t_club_tours_the_tri-cities/29151/)

At the banquet, chapter roll was called and we proudly stood up and responded "HERE!" when the Suncoast T Club chapter was called. There were other Florida people in attendance including folks from Tampa, Orlando, and Miami.

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#### **Notices and/or Articles:**

**Donna** has graciously offered to act as the clubs' Activities Director. What this means, is that **Donna** will be contacting each of you to see what interesting places are in your local area that might be a place for the club to visit. She will make maps, and help route it out. If you already have some ideas please give her a call (727 385-1048) and pass on your ideas to her.

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#### **Club Planned Activities:**

**August 8th** – **WHERE: Bob & Donnas'** home to discuss proposed club bylaws, club organization and discussion of duties as officers. A list of nominees will be passed out for voting at the September meeting.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** – **WHERE: Scott & Althea's** home to nominate candidates for new Club officers. After nominations a Carburetor Operation & Rebuilding Basics class will be held.

**October 31st** – **WHERE: Club Picnic** at Millennium Park & Vote in new officers.

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**August 8th – Bob & Donna** will be opening their home to the Club to discuss proposed club bylaws, club organization and discussion of duties as officers. Lunch will be pot luck with **Bob & Donna** providing the meat - **bring a dish to share**. Food items needed are appetizers', fruit salad or pasta salad, and dessert. Water, coffee & hot tea will be provided.

**Please call Donna** (727 385-1048) to let her know what you are bringing. We will be meeting at 10:00. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

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**September 26<sup>th</sup>** - We will meet at **Scott & Altheas** home at 10:30. Nominations will be held first, followed by the Carburetor Operation & Rebuilding Basics class. Afterwards a Pizza lunch will be provided.

**[ATTENTION OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS: If you wish to nominate, please email me with your choice(s) (before Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>) and I will submit it for you. Or, if you prefer, you can send it via regular mail, at which time I will open your envelope during nominations and submit your choice(s). AFTER THE AUGUST MEETING, I WILL SEND TO YOU A LIST OF POSSIBLE NOMINEES].**

To hold office, a Club member **MUST** be a member of **BOTH the MTFCI & MTFCA** with current paid-up membership status.

**President's Duties:**

1. Preside over Club functions.
2. Have a prepared agenda and pass out copies to Club members at all club meetings.
3. Meet with members to discuss and create the Club Bylaws.
4. Always bring the Charter plaque to all meetings to display.

**VP Duties:**

1. To preside over Club functions and other activities in the President's absence.

**Secretary / Treasurers Duties** (as we are a small group right now, these two jobs may be combined into one):

1. In January of each year submit a list of its officers and of its membership, with full addresses, and MTFCA member numbers, to the MTFCA National of each year. Failure to do so will automatically reduce our Chapter status to an Affiliate status.
2. Attend all Club meetings and record minutes of all Club business.
3. Bring previous Club minutes and Treasury report to current Club meeting to recap what was discussed and any club expenditures with an accounting of treasury funds.
4. Handles all correspondence with the MTFCI, MTFCA and Club members.
5. Keeps a current copy of the Chapter Bylaws.
6. Keeps a current list of all Club members' membership numbers making sure all Club members are in current standing with the MTFCI & MTFCA, by checking Club members' membership card(s) yearly making sure each Club member is a paid up member in the MTFCI &/or MTFCA as required by specific national club bylaws.
7. Keeps a current directory of all members' full home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and cell phone numbers of each Club member. Distribute to members
8. Keeps and maintains Club Minutes & Treasury Reports in binders.
9. Maintain the receipts and expenditures of all funds of the Club and to keep the Club informed of the Club's fiscal condition.
10. Be prepared to reimburse Club authorized expenditures by having Club funds readily available at all Club functions.

**October 31st** – Vote in new officers. Meet at Millennium Park at 11:30 for cook-out lunch and then election of officers. Hamburgers and hot-dogs will be provided by **Scott & Althea**. **Bring a covered dish to share**. RSVP to Althea if you will be attending.

**IMPORTANT - BRING YOUR CURRENT MTFCI / MTFCA MEMBERSHIP CARDS ALONG WITH YOUR \$5.00 CLUB DUES.**

**ALSO, IF YOU ARE HOLDING A CURRENT OFFICE, PLEASE BRING ALL PAPERS, PLAQUES, MONEY, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS PERTAINING TO YOUR POSITION TO THE MEETING TO BE PASSED TO THE NEXT ELECTED OFFICER.**

**[ATTENTION OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS: if you wish to vote, please email me with your choice(s) (before Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>) and I will vote for you. Or, if you prefer, you can send it via regular mail, at which time I will open your envelope during the voting and submit your choice(s). Please have your votes to me before October 31<sup>st</sup>. AFTER THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, I WILL SEND TO YOU A LIST OF NOMINEES YOU CAN VOTE FOR. Also, please mail me a copy of your membership card(s) along with a \$5.00 check for your dues].**

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**Future “How To” Classes:**

Vehicle Safety Check

Check rear axle bearing & sleeves

Changing Transmission Bands  
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**Local Interest:**

**Sat., Aug 15 – Fun T’s - Dade City to Crystal River Tour**

1 day tour stopping at Charlie’s Fish House for lunch. If interested please contact Fran Newsome at [FNewsome@jud6.org](mailto:FNewsome@jud6.org) or 352-521-3631.

**Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Fun T’s Labor Day Tour - Drive Ts all the way**

5 day tour departing from Fran’s house in Dade City. If interested please contact Fran Newsome at [FNewsome@jud6.org](mailto:FNewsome@jud6.org) or 352-521-3631.

**October 16-18** – AACA Lake Mirror Classic Concourse d'Elegance, Lakeland FL

**November 12 – 15** – 25th Annual Fall AutoFest

Located in Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00am each day; Free Parking; Admission: Thurs & Fri - \$8.00 / Saturday & Sunday \$10.00

Automotive & Antique Swap Meet, Vintage Auto Exhibit Racing, Collector Car Auction.

For more information [www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

**National Interest:**

**August 13 – 15** – Michigan Jamboree of “T’s” (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

**August 21 –23** – Connecticut Crankin’ Yanks (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

**August 31 –Sept 4** – Grand Teton Tour, Jackson Hole WY (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 4 – 6** – Glacial Ridge Model T Tour (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 4 – 6** – Ohio Model T Jamboree (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 8 – 13** – Hillbilly Tour, Branson MO (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 18 – 20** – Illinois Rendezvous (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 26 – 30** – Covered Bridge & Wallace Model T Garage Tour, Indiana (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

## **National Interest - Continued:**

### **October 7-10 – AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet - Hershey PA**

The Eastern Division AACA National Fall Meet takes place each year during the 1st full week in October. The Hershey Region began hosting the show on 1995 and has done so each year since then. The meet is located in beautiful Hershey, PA on the grounds and parking lots surrounding Hershey Park and The Giant Center. Hershey is considered one of the largest antique automobile shows and flea markets in the United States. It consists of over 9,000 flea market spaces, over 1,000 car corral spaces, and approximately 1,500 show cars. Each year the show attracts visitors from all over the United States and many countries throughout the world. Some of the most unusual cars and parts can be found at Hershey. If you love antique cars, Hershey is the place to be.

For more information <http://local.aaca.org/hershey/fallmeet.html>

## **2010**

### **January 22 – 24 – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCI Meeting & Banquet**

**See flyer below for more details.**

### **February 18 – 21 – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter AutoFest**

Located in Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00am each day; free Parking

### **June 30- July 3 – AACA will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Where: Louisville, Kentucky. Tours are planned for part of the week, and on the last day, there will be a grand car show that is both judged and non-judged. We are encouraging our members to get those cars out and get them to Louisville! Concerned about the weather? The car show will be indoors in a beautiful climate controlled facility. We are also planning a special commemorative item for those that participate. For more information contact Joe Gagliano [Gagliaj@aol.com](mailto:Gagliaj@aol.com)

### **July 18 – 24 – South Dakota 54<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCI National Tour.**

The 54th Annual MTFCI National Tour will be held in July 18-24, 2010 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Great Places, Great Faces. Contact Sheryl Stier by email at [sastier@prodigy.net](mailto:sastier@prodigy.net) for more information.

**See flyer below for more details.**